



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community January 28, 2008

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on January 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Veronica Castillo, Chicanos Por La Causa
Grace Ku, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District
Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Trish Miller, Community Bridges
Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions

MEMBERS Absent:

Kim Costales, Tempe Elementary School District
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District

City Staff Present:

Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Kim Bauman, Community Services - Social Services
Kathy Berzins, Community Services – Social Services
Nancy Rodriguez Tempe Municipal Court

Guests Present:

Susan Voirol, Tempe Union High School District (for member Randy Lazar)
Rindy Corn, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Cynthia Goertz, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Kathryn Cantrell, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Melissa Zeller, Child Protective Services

Meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Kathy Berzins called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from December 17, 2007 Meeting

The minutes from December 17, 2007 were reviewed.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Rebecca Bond seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Cultural Pride Linking Communities Program

Veronica Castillo, Chicanos Por La Causa provided a presentation on their Cultural Pride Linking Communities Program, including a video about the program.

- 1) The program is provided at Laird and Thew Elementary Schools and McKemy and Connolly Middle Schools as well as in Chandler schools. Students from McClintock and Tempe High Schools are involved in the program as peer tutors.
- 2) The program is designed to serve the entire family and consists of the following components:
 - After school life skills groups once a week.
 - Academic assistance three times a week.
 - Ongoing mentoring.
 - Parent outreach, including monthly parent meetings and home visits.
- 3) The program accepts referrals from teachers twice a year and participants must meet three of ten program criteria to be accepted into the program. Students may participate in the program between third grade to high school.

Agenda Item 4 –Communities for Kids

Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities in Schools provided the following update:

- 1) The East Valley Early Childhood Initiative has been divided into two regional partnerships by the State. Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Ahwatukee are a regional partnership and are forming a regional council. Applications for council membership are being sought and interested individuals can apply on-line. Lynette will email Kim the link to the regional partnership councils to forward to committee members. The regional partnership councils will determine how monies received from early childhood cigarette tax money in 2009 are distributed in their regions.
- 2) The "Don't Wait To Educate" series will be provided at a new site, Holdeman Elementary School, this spring as well as returning to Nevitt Elementary School. The parenting series enabled Nevitt's preschool program to fulfill its parenting program requirement to become accredited. The program will also serve the same purpose for Holdeman's pre-school program.

Agenda Item 5 – Needs Assessment Focus Groups

Kim Bauman, City of Tempe and Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools solicited feedback from members on the draft focus group and key informant interview questions.

- 1) It was agreed that the questionnaire would expand its focus beyond substance abuse to gather information on other perceived needs in Tempe.
- 2) Veronica Castillo, Chicanos Por La Causa suggested a question be included regarding the need for services provided in languages other than English. Veronica will develop this question and forward it to Kim and Lynette.
- 3) Once the questions are finalized they will be forwarded to committee members who will conduct key informant interviews.
- 4) A focus group with committee members will occur at our February 25th meeting and a focus group with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission will also occur in February.

- 5) The Magellan RFP is tentatively scheduled to be released on January 31st and tentatively there will be six weeks to complete grant proposals. Data from the focus groups and key informant interviews will need to be forwarded to Lynette no later than the end of February.

Agenda Item 6 – Grant and Program Updates

- 1) Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities in Schools reported that she, Tim Cox, and Kim Bauman met with Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) representatives last week regarding a U. S. Department of Education grant to reduce underage drinking in students grades 9th through 12th.
 - The grant requires that the school district be the applicant. However, Lynette would write the majority of the grant proposal with some assistance from the City. The City would provide the program services and the district would serve as the fiscal agent and recipient of the services.
 - Applicants can be awarded up to \$350,000 per year for three years. The grant requires implementing a model program. Project Success, which provides school based individual counseling, prevention groups, and a parent information and education component, was determined to be the best fit for the district's needs.
 - The grant, if funded, would expand the City's school based counselors hours in the seven TUHSD schools and expand parent education provided by the district's No Parent Left Behind University. The RFP is due on February 19th.
 - The school district representatives were in support of submitting a proposal pending approval by its school board.
- 2) Kim Bauman, City of Tempe announced that the "Empowering Teens and Parents" program funding by the City's 2007 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant began this month. There are 13 parents and their youth participating in the program. Kim thanked the Tempe field probation officers for their referrals to the program.
- 3) Tim Cox, City of Tempe announced that the City will be applying for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and a Arizona Criminal Justice Commission grant to continue to fund CARE 7's victim advocates. Unfortunately, funding may be reduced.
- 4) Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District announced that a Safe Schools/Healthy Students RFP will be released this year with a late March deadline to respond. The district, who has been a recipient in the past, plans to apply for this grant.

Agenda Item 7– Announcements

- 1) Sandra McNally, EMPACT announced that the 2nd Annual Jermyah Memory 5K Walk for Survivor's of Suicide will be held on Saturday, February 9th at Kiwanis Park. Last year's event was a big success. Flyers on the walk were distributed to committee members.
- 2) Trish Miller, Community Bridges announced the following:
 - On April 15th at 6:30 p.m. all of the television networks in the Phoenix area will be showing "Crystal Darkness." Media support, including phone call-in banks, will be provided. Community Bridges will be involved with some schools that are holding forums on that date. Lynette Stonefeld stated that Tempe Elementary School District Parent Liaisons and Tempe Police Department School Resource Officers are planning some activities revolving around the event. In addition the City is hoping to acquire a copy of the video so it can be shown on the City's Channel 11 at various times for viewers.
 - On April 1st Community Bridges will be providing their Current Drug Trends presentation at Tempe High School.

- 3) **Kim Bauman** announced that the YouthFest 2008 Courage Awards and Tempe Top Teens Recognition will be held on Monday, May 5th at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Courage Awards and Top Teen nomination packets have been distributed at the schools. Please contact Kim if you would like a nomination packet.
- 4) **Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation** announced that a fundraiser for Tempe Elementary School District early childhood education will be held at the Basha's Art Gallery this Friday. Tickets are \$45 per person and committee members should contact the school district if they are interested in attending.
- 5) **Lynette Stonfeld** made the following announcements:
 - The 2nd Annual Tempe Youth Showcase will be held on April 12th from 2-4 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 23rd. Lynette distributed information on the auditions.
 - Tempe has been selected as one of the 100 Best Communities for Youth for the third year in a row.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- ALL STARS Program
- Needs Assessment Focus Group
- STAND & SERVE Program
- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **February 25, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman



Kathy Berzins, Chair